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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 December 1967



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Godfrey commented that the report of Chinese markings on MIG's sighted over North Vietnam is being checked, as is the evidence of a radio link between Alexandria and the Soviet Union.


Carver reported that the Secretary of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee will be briefed on revolutionary development.

DD/S&T reported that the weather was very good for last Friday's OXCART flight and that there was almost no defensive reaction to the flight.



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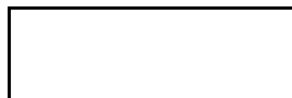
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DDCI drew attention to  on the bottleneck involving the ARDF program.

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The Director asked the DD/I to look into the ramifications of a possible Saudi refusal to permit Iranian materiel support for the Yemeni royalists to pass through Saudi territory.

Goodwin drew attention to Paul Montgomery's unfounded article in the Sunday New York Times alleging that the Shoup Registration System International, which has contracted with the Burnham government to do voter registration, is a CIA front.



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# GUYANA DISTURBED BY IDENTITY LISTS

Jagan Says Front for C.I.A.  
Prepares Voting Rolls

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Special to The New York Times

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 9 — A heavily guarded building on Main Street in this sweltering South American town has become the latest center of controversy in the always bubbling world of Guyanese politics.

The cream-colored building, enclosed by a chain-link and barbed-wire fence and illuminated all night by harsh lights, is the tabulation center for a campaign to provide identification for all Guyanese over 13 years of age.

The compilation prepared in the campaign will also serve as the registration lists for the general election next year, with those under age 21 subtracted. The law establishing the registration measures was pressed through Congress last month by the coalition Government of Prime Minister Forbes Burnham, over the strong protests of the opposition People's Progressive party.

## Election Rigging Foreseen

The party, which is led by Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, said that since the registration machinery was in Government hands, it would lead to rigging of the election. Dr. Jagan's party, which has marked leanings toward the Communist world, missed being returned to power in the December, 1964,

elections by less than 12,000 votes.

Much of the opposition's protest centers on Shoup Registration System International of Pennsylvania, which is under Government contract to do the registration tabulation and to issue identification cards. They say the company is a front for the Central Intelligence Agency. Dr. Jagan, a 49-year-old dentist educated in the United States has often charged that the C.I.A., working through trade unions, sponsored the strikes and riots that rocked his Government when he was Premier from 1961 until the end of 1964. The title was changed to prime minister after independence.

## Previous Work Performed

The Shoup Company has previously performed national registration tabulations in Trinidad, Jamaica and Venezuela. D. E. McFeely, the concern's resident manager, said in an interview that he also "understood" that the company had helped with registration last year in South Vietnam. He said he had only been with the company a short time and was not familiar with its history.

Mr. McFeely said the company's job in Guyana was purely mechanical — to train the workers who will do the house-to-house enumeration, to program the data collected for use in computers, to take identification photos and fingerprints and to process the identification cards.

He added that all guidance for the procedures came from the Guyanese Government.

The campaigning for the gen-

eral election, which will probably, be held at the end of next year and which must be held by March 19, 1969, has already begun. Dr. Jagan's party holds rallies most weekends in rural areas along the Atlantic coast, which are his strongholds.

The voting in Guyana which was the colony of British Guyana before independence in May, 1966, tends generally to divide along racial lines. Slightly more than half the population of 660,000 are East Indians' descendants of indentured laborers brought from India by the British planters after the freeing of the slaves. Almost all of them support the descendants of the African slaves, who make up 30 per cent of the population, as well as much of the mixed population. The coalition partner of Mr. Burnham's People's National Congress, the United Force, draws its support from the urban middle class and the American Indians of the interior. The party is led by Peter S. D'Faguiar, a wealthy 55-year-old business man.

In the last election Dr. Jagan's party won 46 per cent of the vote, Mr. Burnham 41 and Mr. D'aguiar 12. Most observers believe that if the election were held now the proportions would remain about the same.

## Company Denies Link

A spokesman for the Shoup Voting Machine Company at Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., said yesterday that his company had no connection with the operation in Guyana or with Shoup Reg-

istration System International. Efforts to reach the latter in West Chester, Pa., were unsuccessful.

## C.I.A. Declines to Comment

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 — The C.I.A. had no comment on the assertion that the Shoup concern is a front.